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Ratchet Screwdriver With Actuator Cap And Method

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Action dated July 5, 2005, applicants ask for reconsideration and also for clarification.

The Invention As Now Claimed

The invention pertains to the attachment and retention of a cap on a ratchet screwdriver. The claims recite three features for cap control, namely, firstly limiting the rotation of the cap about the screwdriver longitudinal axis, secondly axially restraining the cap, and thirdly rotationally restraining the cap in at least two rotated positions. The second feature is achieved with the radially facing groove 113 or 113A, and with the member 93 therein, to have the member 93 in axial interference with the cap 70. The radially facing groove 113 or 113A, on either the cap or the base assembly, receives the detent 93 for the axial restraint. The first and third features can be independently achieved by having the member 93 rotationally restrain the cap.

The Cited Patents

Rinner, as shown in Fig. 7, has plunger 59 in axially facing groove 53 for selective rotational contact against groove walls 57 or 58 for limited rotation of the cap 11. Secondly, Rinner has bayonet connectors 42 and 47, and also has the

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